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SUBJECT: CENTO MINISTERIAL, WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL 18-20

REFERENCE: STATE 62417

1. FOLLOWING IS REPLY TO PARA 24 OF P. R. METCALFE'S LETTER OF OCTOBER 28, 1977, CONCERNING THE WISH OF THE CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL TO HOST A RECEPTION ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 18 FOR APPROXIMATELY 300 GUESTS. THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL HAS SURVEYED THE FOLLOWING SITES AND DETERMINED THAT ALL ARE APPROPRIATE FOR SECRETARY GENERAL'S FUNCTION.

2. ANDERSON HOUSE, 2118 MASSACHUSETTES AVENUE, N.W., IS A TAX EXEMPT SOCIETY. THEY CANNOT EXCEED 300 GUESTS. THERE IS NO FEE FOR USAGE, HOWEVER, A DONATION OF DOLS 500.00 IS SUGGESTED. A CATERER IS REQUIRED. CATERING THE FUNCTION WILL COST APPROXIMATELY DOLS 2,700 FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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FOOD, SETUPS, NECESSARY PERSONNEL, AND FLOWERS, IF REQUESTED. TAX-EXEMPT LIQUOR MAY BE SERVED. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST DOLS 3,200.00 PLUS LIQUOR.

3. MADISON HOTEL, 15TH AND M STREETS, N.W. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE DOLLY MADISON BALLROOM. TAX-EXEMPT LIQUOR MAY BE USED. THE COST OF CORKAGE IS DOLS 2.50 PER PERSON

OR DOLS 750.00. THE HOTEL ESTIMATES SETUPS TO COST
DOLS 100.00, PERSONNEL DOLS 125.00, AND FOOD AT DOLS
8.00 PER PERSON OR DOLS 2,400.00. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST
DOLS 3,375.00 PLUS LIQUOR.

4. HYATT REGENCY HOTEL, 400 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, N.W.
NO FEE FOR RECEPTION ROOM. DOES NOT PERMIT TAX-EXEMPT
LIQUOR. HOTEL ESTIMATES PERSONNEL COSTS DOLS 120.00,
FOOD DOLS 2,500.00, LIQUOR DOLS 1,125.00, SETUPS DOLS
100.00. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST DOLS 3,845.00.

5. BASED ON CORKAGE FEES, MENUS, TAX-EXEMPT LIQUOR, ETC.
IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE ABOVE SITES ARE COMPARABLE IN
COST. NONE OF THESE SITES HAS BEEN RESERVED PENDING
DECISION CENTO HEADQUARTERS. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES
ADVISE ASAP IN ORDER TO RESERVE SITE PREFERENCE. IN CASE
OF ANDERSON HOUSE, DEPARTMENT MUST CONTACT CATERER.
ADVISE NAME OF CENTO CONTRACTING OFFICER TO WHOM CONTRACT
AND SUGGESTED MENUS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED. VANCE

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